Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yi Ping Xiao, I have been living in CT for 6 years. I am writing to testify in regard of Bill No. SB359 “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System”.

I support the original concept of “prohibiting educational institutions or other state agencies from mandatory collection and separation of data from students by subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity”. However, I am very concerned with the following portion of the current bill language “unless ... collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. I believe the entire population shall not be subject to registry of ancestry immigration nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original concept because I firmly believe all Americans should be treated equally regardless of their national origin or ethnicity. I want my 10 and 8 year-old Sons to have equal opportunities and as bright a future as any other child of their age. I hope they educational opportunities and their future will not be dependent on their ancestry nation but on their hard work and their abilities. Please modify the bill language as to “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin”. Please vote for bill SB359.

Respectfully,

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